

REMARKS

Currently, claims 1-27 are pending. The Examiner has restricted the claims in the case to two (2) groups broken down as follows:

1. Invention I, claims 1-2, drawn to a composition comprising an asymmetric disulfide or derivative thereof and a matrix including at least one polymer; and
2. Invention II, claims 3-5, drawn to a method of inhibiting cellular growth, method of treating abnormal cellular activity, a method of treating pancreatic cancer comprising contacting the cells in a patient with a therapeutically effective amount of an asymmetric disulfide composition.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement and requests reconsideration. In order to be fully responsive, Applicant has provisionally elected, with traverse, the invention of Invention Group I as defined by claims 1-9 directed to composition comprising an asymmetric disulfide or derivative thereof and a matrix including at least one polymer.

It is respectfully submitted that the search classification for each invention group will substantially overlap. Each of the claims, as presently recited, are directed to a composition comprising an asymmetric disulfide or derivative thereof and a matrix including at least one polymer. The Examiner will not be seriously burdened by searching and considering the inventions as described in all the currently pending claims. Accordingly, the Examiner has not established a proper restriction requirement under MPEP§ 803.

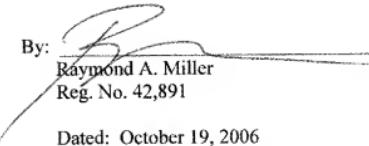
By this election, Applicant does not admit, nor does Applicant waive the right to argue against at a later date, the Examiner's statement that the groups of inventions are patentably distinct. Applicants expressly reserve the right to present the claims of Invention Group II, or other claims, in one or more divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications at a later date.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has timely filed this response. In the event that an additional fee is required for this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or need any additional information from Applicant's attorney, he is invited to contact the undersigned at his convenience.

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